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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of scientists working in research institutes of ICAR have been deployed for unscientific works;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) the extent to which such deployments are likely to affect the quality of agricultural research; and

(d) the time by which such scientists are likely to be redeployed for research work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) Yes,Sir.In a few cases,the Scientists in the ICAR have been deployed for other than scientific work in addition to their normal scientific work due to administrative exigencies.

(b) No scientist has been assigned other than scientific work on whole time basis.The scientists have been assigned such work in addition to their normal research work only as a stop gap arrangement in the interest of smooth and efficient functioning of the institutes.

(c) It is ensured that in the event of scientists being entrusted additional responsibilities, the quality of research work does not suffer.

(d) Even in cases where scientists have been assigned other than scientific work as additional charge,the scientists continue to be engaged in scientific work.There is,therefore,no question of deploying them back for research work.